IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

DESHANTA BREWSTER, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated

**PLAINTIFF** 

VS.

No. 2:22-cv-12220-MFL-DRG

MISSION POINT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC

DEFENDANT

PLAINTIFF'S PRETRIAL DISCLOSURE SHEET

Plaintiff DeShanta Brewster, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (collectively "Plaintiffs"), by and through her attorney, Josh Sanford of Sanford Law Firm, PLLC, and for her Pretrial Disclosure Sheet does hereby state as follows:

1. Identity of the party submitting information.

Plaintiff DeShanta Brewster, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys of Sanford Law Firm, PLLC.

2. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all counsel for the parties.

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3. A brief summary of the claims and relief sought.

This is a collective action brought by Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, against Defendant for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. ("FLSA"), and the Michigan Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, MCL § 408.931, et seq. ("WOWA"). Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment, monetary and

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liquidated damages, prejudgment interest, and a reasonable attorney's fee and cost as a

result of Defendant's failure to pay proper wages under the FLSA and the WOWA.

One of the primary issues to be decided at trial is the extent of Plaintiffs' damages,

which turns on the number of hours worked by Plaintiffs for Defendant and Defendant's

failure to pay Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees' wages due on the scheduled

pay day. The other primary issues to be decided are Plaintiff DeShanta Brewster's

misclassification as exempt from the overtime requirements of the FLSA and her

termination from Defendant was a clear act of retaliation against her solely due to her

complaint about not being paid on scheduled pay days.

4. Prospects of settlement.

Substantive but informal settlement negotiations have taken place to date. Plaintiff

remains optimistic that a settlement can take place before the need for a trial and the

unnecessary expenses attributed to a trial.

5. The basis for jurisdiction and objections to jurisdiction.

Plaintiff seeks relief under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. Therefore, this Court

has original jurisdiction of this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Plaintiff also seeks relief

under the WOWA, which is within this Court's supplement jurisdiction pursuant to 28

U.S.C. § 1367(a), because the claim forms part of the same case or controversy and

arises out of the same facts as the FLSA claims. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1391, because the State of Michigan has personal jurisdiction over Defendant and

therefore Defendant "resides" in Michigan, and the acts complained of in Plaintiff's

Complaint were committed and had their principal effect within the Southern Division of

the Eastern District of Michigan. Plaintiffs know of no objections to jurisdiction or venue.

6. List of pending motions.

None.

7. A concise summary of the facts.

Defendant operates a business out of a facility in Clawson. Plaintiff DeShanta

Brewster worked as an Admissions Director. Her primary duties were to communicate

with the hospital and others regarding new patient admissions, review information for

potential new patients, oversee admissions marketing, and perform other administrative

duties regarding admissions. She was classified as exempt from the overtime

requirements of the FLSA and the WOWA and was paid a salary. Plaintiff and Opt-In

Plaintiffs, working at the Clawson location, were paid unlawfully late during June of 2022

and/or July of 2022. Plaintiff Brewster was then terminated on July 15, 2022, after she

made a complaint about being paid late. At all relevant times, Defendant was, and

continues to be, Plaintiffs' "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203.

8. All proposed stipulations.

A. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan has

subject matter jurisdiction over this suit under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because

this suit raises federal questions under the FLSA.

B. Plaintiffs' claims under the WOWA form part of the same case or

controversy and arise out of the same facts as the FLSA claims alleged in this complaint.

Therefore, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' WOWA claims pursuant

to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

C. Venue lies properly within this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and

(c)(2), because the State of Michigan has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, and

Defendant therefore "resides" in Michigan.

D. Defendant is a for-profit, domestic limited liability company, created and

existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Michigan.

E. Defendant is an "employer" within the meanings set forth in the FLSA and

WOWA, and was, at all times relevant to the allegations, Plaintiffs' employer.

F. As employees of Defendant, Plaintiffs were entitled to the protections of the

FLSA during their tenure of employment.

G. Defendant participated in the management of Plaintiffs' work, including

setting and enforcing the number of hours worked, and the amount and manner of

compensation paid.

I. Defendant dictated, controlled and ratified, both implicitly and explicitly, the

wage and hour practices and all related employee compensation policies that are at issue

in this case.

J. Plaintiff DeShanta Brewster was a salaried employee of Defendant and was

at all relevant times classified as an exempt employee by Defendant.

K. Plaintiff Brewster was routinely required to work in excess of forty (40) hours

per week.

L. Plaintiff Brewster was not and would not have been paid an overtime

premium for hours worked in excess of forty (40) in a given week due to Defendant's

classification decision.

M. Plaintiff and Opt-In Plaintiffs working at the Clawson location were paid late

during June and/or July of 2022.

N. Plaintiff Brewster complained to Defendant regarding late pay, then was

terminated on July 15, 2022.

9. The issues of fact expected to be contested.

A. The reasons for late/non-payment.

B. The reasons for Plaintiff's termination.

10. The issues of law expected to be contested.

A. Whether Defendant violated the FLSA by not paying Plaintiffs their proper

overtime compensation on the regular pay day for the period in which such workweek

ends.

B. Whether Defendant violated the FLSA by not paying Plaintiff Brewster a

proper overtime rate for all hours worked in excess of forty per workweek.

C. Whether Defendant terminated Plaintiff Brewster because she complained

about being paid late.

D. Liquidated damages (i.e., whether Defendants acted in objective and

subjective good faith in failing to compensate Plaintiffs as required under the FLSA).

E. The amount of damages owed to Plaintiff and Opt-In Plaintiffs.

11. A list and brief description of exhibits, documents, charts, graphs,

models, schematic diagrams, summaries, and similar objects which may be used

if the opening statement, closing argument, or any other part of the trial, other than

solely for impeachment purposes, whether or not they will be offered in evidence.

Separately designate those documents and exhibits which the party expects to

offer and those which the party may offer.

Plaintiffs expect to offer the following exhibits:

A. Payroll/earnings records.

B. Excerpts from Plaintiffs' employee files.

C. Damage calculations.

Plaintiffs may offer the following exhibits:

A. Any filed document of record by Defendant in this case;

B. Any filed document of record by Plaintiffs in this case;

C. Any and all documents obtained or produced in discovery.

12. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses for the

party. Separately identify witnesses whom the party expects to present and those

whom the party may call. Designate witnesses whose testimony is expected to be

presented via deposition and, if not taken stenographically, a transcript of the

pertinent portion of the deposition testimony.

Plaintiffs expect to call DeShanta Brewster and any Opt-In Plaintiff.

Plaintiffs may call any person identified by Defendant in Defendant's disclosures

and discovery responses.

13. The current status of discovery, a precise statement of the remaining

discovery and an estimate of the time required to complete discovery.

Discovery is complete.

14. An estimate of the length of trial and suggestions for expediting

disposition of the action.

Plaintiffs estimate that the trial of this matter can be accomplished in two days. The proposed stipulations in Paragraph 8 above are offered in order to expedite the disposition of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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